

REMARKS

In a telephone conference dated April 10, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the above-presented claims were allowable. However, after a first supplemental there were additional formal matter that the Examiner required to be addressed, namely that the first paragraph of the application be amended to include recitation of priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,590,042, (the '042 patent) which was copending at the time of the filing of the above-recited PCT application on which the present application is also based. The Examiner stated that she was not certain whether a petition was required to amend the present application to include the recitation of priority and advised the Applicant to contact Ms. Kristen Piereny at 571-272-1127. The Applicant, through his attorney, placed a call to Ms. Piereny, but was transferred to her voice mail, at which time, the Applicant related the reason for the call. At the time of the filing of this document, Ms. Piereny had not returned the call.

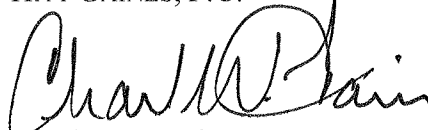
The Applicant respectfully submits that a petition to amend the present application to cite additional priority to the '042 patent is not necessary because 35 U.S.C. §120 provides for such. Since the PCT application's priority was timely based on the issued '042 patent, it is an application entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date of the '042 patent, and since the present application priority was timely based on the PCT application, the present application receives the benefit of the '042 patent provided it is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier application (the '042 patent).

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing claims, as amended, are allowable. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 is respectfully requested.

Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment that may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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